ECHO ALONG THE HUDSON HILLS.

THREE THOUSAND MEN SPEND THEIR FIRST NIGHT NEATH THE CANVAS ROOPS OF CAMP TOWNSEND

Peckskill, May 2 (Special) -The State Camp of Inatruction near Peekskill was turned over yesterday to three of the organizations of the National Guard which were designated by the Governor to respond came, for the first time in its existence, the drilling and 12th regiments were ordered to report at the Fourth Brigade, was designated as command-

General Doyle arrived at Albany on Sunday accompanied by the following members of his W. Pettibone, Inspector, Major John H. Bell quartermaster, Major Martin Cary, judge-Major Charles M. Ransom, inspector of rifle practice. Major Henry C Wadsworth, commissary and Captain Wiman H. Smith, aide-de-camp. They eassengers on the train which left Albany at m. and the party, as it bearded the train. a salute from the members of the 3d Sepate Company, which was drawn up in line at taken to the Long Island camp.

ide a special stop at Roa Hook, where detail from the 1st Battery, under Se Herman Ringelmann, had already arrived, onel Storey, Colonel G. J. Greene, Major Robert anding officer, met General Doyle, and the all expressed themselves a. pleased with its condiwhich had been made in the short time. To those officers who had seen the place when it was arranged as a camp of instruction the tented city looked greatly changed.

THREE VILLAGES OF TENTS

Instead of one large group of six hundred or even hundred tents, they formed three distinct groups of about four hundred tents each. One of these is situated on the old camp ground, one the great lawn which has been used by the cavalry artillery as a camping place and drill ground. and one further west.

The old campground is in most respects like it has been for many years. The streets are laid out same way. Quality Row, which became famous through the talks on camp life delivered General McLewce; the barbers' tents, and everything about the place was like the camps where National Guardsmen have gone for years for a week's outing. The tents are the same that have done service on the reservation, but the fact that the present tour to Peekskill was one of work and not of play, and that the men who were in camp there would be expected to do soldiers' duty and even encounter some of the hardships of a peep into the tents. Some were provided with th board floor to each tent, a luxury high members of the Guard probably never apthe camp are still more realistic, and give the men a better idea of what they will find when they go to the front. The tents have neither floor no urniture, and those men who were assigned to w parts took their first degree in camp life with some of its unpleasant features thrown in. NOW KNOWN AS CAMP TOWNSEND

After making the tour of the camp, Genera Doyle established temporary headquarters at the White House, and issued the following order: Headquarters Camp Townsend, near Peekskill, May 2, 1898. General Order No. 1:

eral Order No. 1 st-In compliance with General Order No. 8 midersigned hereby assumes command of camp Peckskill, which is hereby designated Camp

S. N. Y. as assistant adjutant-general nant-Colonel Floyd S. Crego, surgeon ourth Brigade, as surgeon, dajor Elwood D. Roessle, commissary, Third igade, as chief commissary, fajor Robert L. Banks, fr., as assistant in com-

department. Lorin W. Pettibone, as inspector. Martin Carey, as judge-advocate. Charles M. Rausom, inspector of

Major Charles M. Ransom, inspector of small rms, practice and ordnance officer. Major Henry C. Wadsworth, assistant in com Major John H. Ball, as quartermaster Captain Winan H. Smith, aide-de-cump

General Doyle has spoken of naming the old amp Townsend, the next Porter and the west

he named the whole reservation in honor of General Frederick Townsend, who was Adjutant-General when the camp of instruction was founded, and

States Cavalry: First Lieutenant Granger Adams, 5th United States Artillery, and Lieutenant William Weigel 11th United States Infantry. Quarters were assigned to these officers in the White House, and while General Doyle's men were making arrangements for the reception, placing and feeding of the troops who had already embarked for camp, the regular officers began making out blanks and papers which will be issued in connection with the ceremonies which will take the State troops out of the control of the State unitentities and make them

THE NINTH HAS THE BEST CAMP.

Regiment should have the next camp, and that the far camp he reserved for the 12th Regiment, and this arrangement was carried out later when the troops arrived. At 4.30 p m the first transport rounied the point. She was watched closely by all in camp until she landed at Roa Hook. From the high was religious services are usually held on Sundays during the camp season, the men could be seen as they came from the boat, and the bugle calls echoed through the valley as the column took up the line of march. Several stops were made took the line, and the men panted under the burstiens the line, and the men panted under the burstiens of all that goes to make up heavy marching order.

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At 3:15 the head of the line reached the entrance
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neither wore nor carried anything to indicate that
they are volunteer soldlers. After forming in
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Lieutenant-Colonel Davis was unable to say just when the mustering will begin. A day, possibly two days, will be given the men to get settled in their new quarters. Then the regimental surgeons

PEEKSKILL CAMP OPENED. will be personally examined and mustered into the United States service. This will be done by a med- INACTIVITY AT CAMP THOMAS. BUSY DAYS AT FORT MONROE. The board consists of Mary Surgeon at Fort Hamilton (Major L. M. Maus, surgeon at Fort Hamilton Signed by the Government), and Dr. Charles E. Jones, of Albany, and Dr. C. E. Nichols, of Troy, appointed by Governor Black. This Board was to appointed by Governor Black. This Board was to appoint the Tax Regiment Armory in New-York City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead, where they can be a gent of the City to-day and proceed to Hempstead the City to-day and proceed to the City to-day are considered to the City to-day and proceed to the City to-day are considered to the City to-day and proceed to the City to-day are considered to the City to-day and proceed to the City to-day are considered to the City to-day and the City to-day are considered to the C

STILL IN TOUCH WITH MADRID.

SPAIN AND HER FORCE IN CUBA SAID TO BE STILL RECEIVING LETTERS FROM

THIS CITY-A MERCHANT'S STORY That Spaniards in the United States are n with their own Government at Madrid believed in this city, and that the spy system

in addition to this a plan was discovered yesterlay by which constant communication is being day parien, a small port east of Mutauzas. From this

Spanish paper issued in this city. The paper purofficial, subsidized organ of the Spanish Govern-It was called "Cuba

pended, Senor Angulo, at the suggestion of Senor le Lome, was appointed as a representative of the

THE TOPEKA AT THE YARD. JOY AT THE STATION OVER THE NEWS OF COM

the steam vacht Restless is floated. The latter The auxiliary cruiser Yankee is now lying along-

dde the coal wharf, and her sister ship, the Prairie, is moored fust forward of the Topeka.

fortable quarters for themselves on the Prairie, and some of the New-York Reserves are arranging their

saying that Commodore Dewey was the right man in the right place, and that they had never doubted One of the officers who knows Commodore Dewey personally said: 'Dewey is a dangerous man, and a handy fellow in a fight. No doubt he went at 'em with a Nelson-like dash, and gave it to them quick and some military problems will be worked our and hot."

P. Gilmore, chief ald to Rear-Admiral Bunce, reof the Yale (late Paris) at the American Line pler. and Captain Wise was instructed to take command and Captain Wise was instructed to take command of the Yale. At moon the Navy Yard ting Natkecta lusiness took a guard of motibes from the battacks to the of the 250 American Line plet, where they went on board the

papers which will be issued in connection with the papers which will take the State troops out of the control of the State authorities and make them a part of the Arms.

The next arrivals in camp were five officers of the 12th Regiment-Major Ward. Captain Hayden and Captain Chalmers, all of the medical department, Captain Blake of Company K and Licutenant Virgiliyes of Company A. They had been detailed to assist at keeping the crowd back from the edge of the pler, and when the boat was ready to move key by gangplank was drawn in, and the officers was the gangplank was drawn in, and the officers was the gangplank was drawn in, and the officers was the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded to the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five officers of the fact that the last minded the five of

Volunteers and an increased standing Army of \$1,000, and not less than 20,000 men connected with the Navy, he said, there were likely to be sick and wounded, and preparations should be begun at once to minister to their bodily ease and spiritual comfort. In Philadelphia, at the time of the Revo-lution, there was organized a society to aid sick and needy soldiers. Two noble women, Esther De Berdt Reed and the daughter of Benjamin Frankith, Mrs. Sarah Bacht, were at the head of the organization. New from Philadelphia came a call for united action in forming a National Christian Relief Association. Two weeks ago this was be-gun in the church of the Rev. Dr. McCook. The president of the association was John H. Converse,

gun in the church of the Rev Dr. McCook. The president of the association was John H. Converse, el of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and the treasurer George C. Thomas, of Dr.xei & Co. The objects of the association, said Dr. Harsha, were su the consistent with what were seen to be the needs of the hour that he proposed that an auxiliary be in the hour that he proposed that an auxiliary be in the hour that he proposed that an auxiliary be in the consistent with what were seen to be the needs of the hour that he proposed that an auxiliary be in the constant of the Philharmonic Society. Much in the Harlem into line.

"Already the women of Harlem have taken settlen," proceeded Dr. Harsha, "a movement have in the second of the work must fall upon the women. There is a part for each. Let the swift needle ply in the cosey corner. Let the grand-dame's knitting-needle vie with machinery in turning out stockings soft and warm. Let the old linen be picked out of the raybag and put by itself for use in the hospitals. Let even the children learn to pick lint to stance the consequence of loving service to the sick and sufficient the horrors of war, let them also learn the hiesedness of loving service to the sick and sufficient mand children consecrate their money that it me of need may be met by an shundant suptification of the line of action was adopted pledging the congregation to join in harmony of action with and sympatonin to join in harmony of action with and sympatonin to join in harmony of action with and sympatonin to join in harmony of action with and sympatonin to join in harmony of action with and sympatonin to join in harmony of action with and sympatonin to join in harmony of action with and sympatonin to join the channels such gifts of money as could the support of the National Christian Relief Astores and necessities as might be needed and to a station to be appointed such about be supported and to a station to be appointed such as tores and necessities as might be needed and to a station to be appointed such

NO MORE TROOPS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE

SOLDIERS WAITING TO BE PAID OFF-A SHAM BATTLE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE BUY-

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Chattanooga, Tenn. May 2.-Everything le now in walting at Chickamauga. No orders of importance have been received to-day, and none are expected immediately. All of the Regular Army that will be mobilized here is now on day, completed the strength of the corps. I'nless something unforeseen occurs, no mor cops will be headed in this direction

the prospects of payday than in anything else. Saturday morning monthly inspections and musters were held in all the commands, and the payrolls were made out. If a paymaster wer here, the troops would receive their money to

The nearest paymaster's headquarters is at and even cable dispatches are sent to a Spanish Atlanta. Colonel George Glenn is stationed there. He is Chief Paymaster of the Department of the Gulf, with which this provisional army corps is connected. At the outbreak of hostilities six paymasters were sent to Atlanta Colonel Glenn's assistants. As a rule, the payrolls of the Army are sent to the Chief Paymaster of the Department, who sends on the

money to be disbursed. day evening to hold the rolls at the encampment. This means that paymasters will be ordered to Chickamauga, to go over the rolls Payments will be made in two days after their arrival. So the payday for which the soldiers are so eagerly waiting will be Thursday or Friday

NO MORE SUPPLIES NEEDED

Infantry and a white soldier of the 12th played guit the game \$800 the winner.

The large new warehouse erected for army supplies was completed to-night, and Colonel brigade drills have not yet been taken up for some reason, though there have been several

essel will be ready to leave the dock in a day or and has been confined largely to company and so, as the adjusting of her protective armor plates | battalion work. There has been too much rain clear, settled weather more serious attention be paid to the matter. Battalien, regimental

NO SHAM BATTLE CONTEMPLATED

General Brooke's staff to-day said that this was any serious damage a mistake. He said, "The Army is not here for theatricals. It is here for mobilization, preparbattles. But some time in the near future the Army in a body will be put through manceuvres,

selved orders from Washington to take command dieted to the liquor habit to as large an extent as would be supposed. There is only one canteen at the encampment. This is in charge of said that every man was armed with a revolver the 25th infantry, and it sells only beer. As it caters to the appetites of this whole army, it can posed to be known. the 25th Infantry, and it sells only beer. As it caters to the appetites of this whole army, it can be readily appreciated that it does a land-office business. Its receipts average \$560 a day. The

Yale.

The batteries on the two converted Morgan Libers are in position, and consist of ten 5-lach guns and four 5-pound rapid-fire guns for each. The vessels will sail io-morrow or on Thursday.

The monitor Nahant is still at the Cob Dock, but it is not known when she will leave the yard.

RUYING HORSES AND MULES.

FORMATION AS TO WHERE SHE IS GOING.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Vale, formerly the Parts, of the American Line passed the bar, curvard bound, at Two cycles, has inclust. The bar, curvard bound, at Two cycles, has inclust. The bar, curvard bound, at Two cycles, has inclust. The has your ward bound, at Two cycles, has inclust. The has your ward bound, at Two cycles, has inclust. The has your ward bound, at Two cycles, has inclust. The has your ward bound, at Two cycles, has inclust. The has your ward bound, at Two cycles, has inclust. The has your ward been out the command of the Yale at money yeareday, and a closely following his artival at the vessel came a detachment of marines from the Navy Yard.

The crew of the Parts, with few exceptions are almost a transfer to several days, but have not not nev with great of the investory of the line as your provisions were made for them by the Asiatr and borous of 50 per cent additional at the end of the war.

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FORMATION AS TO WHERE SHE IS GOING.

Chart government quartermaster, with Lieutenant Hunt, of lasting for several hours. The men who have charge of the high disappearing guns have their

EVEN SPANISH FOURS PAUDRABLY AFFECTED

Paris, May 2. Prices opened steady on the Bourse to-day, and later improved on the receipt of the news of the completeness of the Spanish defeat, last long. At the close of the market prices firmer. The settlement was easy. Spanish fours closed at 30%, a net gain of 5-16.

firmer closes at 32% a net gain of 5-16.

Berlin. May 2. The tendency was toward firm prices on the Hoerse to-day owing to the favorable impression caused by the victory of the United States fleet at Manila. There were large purchases of various securities at advanced rates. American securities and Bank and Iron shares were particularly strong. The prices of Government securities were unchanged.

Frankfort, May 2.—There was a great improvement in business on the Boerse to-day, the special feature being the buoyancy of American securities and bank shares.

Vienna, May 2.—Business, was active and prices were firm on the Boerse to-day, due to the war news and favorable crop reports.

London, May 2.—To-day is a bank holiday, and the Stock Exchange is closed.

WHAT WOODFORD TOLD GULLON. London, May 2.-The Madrid correspondent of "The Times," continuing this morning his story of General Woodford's mission to the Spanish Gov-ernment, the first instalment of which appeared on Saturday, shows that on March 23, in an interview with Senor Gullon, the Foreign Minister, Genera Woodford four times pronounced deliberately and emphatically the ominous phrase: "Unless satisfactory agreement assuring peace in Cuba is reached within a very few days, the President will be constrained to submit the whole question, including the Maine explosion, to Congress this the correspondent gives little in addition to what was already known, but he says a Red Book ntaining the correspondence will be published in

PRACTICE DRILLS WITH MORTARS AND DISAPPEARING GUNS.

MUCH INTEREST ON THE FLYING SQUADRON IN COMMODORE DEWRY'S ACHIEVEMENT COM

> PORT TO ADMIRAL SAMPSON IBT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE!

Newport News, Va., May 2.-Commodore Dewey's signal victory over the Spanish squadron at Manila and the reported bombardmen of the town created the greatest excitement Comfort to-day. All of the officers are personally acquainted with the "Fighting Commodore," as they have already dubbed Dewey, and are loud in their praise of the deliberate plan of action which resulted so successfully

achievement," and said it could not have been better or more quickly effected. Captain Cook of the Brooklyn, Captain Higginson of the Massachusetts and Captain Philip of the Texas were equally ready to compliment Commodore Dewey's excellent display of strategy, skill and Other officers of the Flying Squadron spoke

freely of the result, and all complimented without criticism. The success with which the Asiatic Squadron has opened the great war of | ab 1898 has fired the officers and crews of the warships and raised their hopes for an opportunity

RUMORS OF SAILING ORDERS.

walls of Fort Monroe by night, the guests at Old Point have had plenty to gossip about today. It is stated everywhere that Commodore Schley has actually received his orders, and ment will be purchased until May 13. All the is anxious to get under way for action, but is Department can handle have already been con- seemingly at sea as to the destination of his squadron when it does start

down to their nickels and dimes. But all are understand why Commodore Schley knows nothnot, for instance, a colored soldler of the 25th | ing of the actual nature of his final orders, when it is taken into consideration that the Flying Squadron is designed to defend the coast against each in front of them. The colored soldler the attack of an enemy, and as yet where that

Lee will to-morrow supervise the packing away dezvous for the ships of the Flying Squadron of about twelve carloads of stores that have until the exact aim of the enemy can be determined is Hampton Roads, inside, or the vicintion arrives. The Brooklyn, the Massachusetts and the Texas are fully prepared to go out, and can move almost at command.

BANCROFT ON HER WAY TO CUBAN

The little gunboat Bancroft, Commander Rich for hard, practical drilling. With the advent of ardson Clover, passed the Virginia capes at 1 an hour later. She comes from Boston. The and brigade drills will be taken up in progres- | pennant of Commodore Schley was saluted as usual, and the Bancroft passed on to the Portsmouth Navy Yard for some slight repairs. The little fighter caught the tail end of the Atlantic gale last week, but she weathered it in fine form, and it is not believed that she sustained

The necessary work was accomplished in an hour, and the Bancroft passed out at 3:30

once proceeded to Norfolk and bearded a train for Tampa, following the large party that passed through Norfolk last night for the South. All of these Cubans came from New York. It was

by the officers and men in practice drills with | Major Adams, who has charge of the m the sixteen 10-inch and 12-inch mortars and the | yesterday that he hoped to get this notice under

sharp reports of guns. With the exception of the morning and evening guns, always expected, was the case to-day until it was learned that the Scorpion, which had joined the squadron, was firing a salute.

The salute was returned, and then came the newspapers containing the dispatches of Dewey's victory From stoker to Commodore, every man in the squadron knew of the victory within an hour, and there was the greatest excitement. Officers and men went at the routine work with enthusiasm.

Commodore Schley refused to discuss the matter, except to say: 'It is what was to be expected from Dewey." As the more definite news of Dewey's success

came, there was great jubilation. The Brooklyn was the first ship to carry Commodore Dewey's flag, and through the Associated Press these messages were sent: To Dewey The Brooklyn, which first flew your flag, glories in your victory.
OFFICERS AND CREW.

To Dewey: The Flying Squadron says to the Asiatic Squadron, Bully boys! Congratulations. SCHLEY. It was with great difficulty that the men could be restrained from outbursts of enthusiasm

when the bulletins were posted forward, and Commodore Schley said that if the official news was as good he would let the men yell themselves hoarse.

None of the officers of the squadron put any faith in the alleged movements to Porto Rico of the Spanish squadron from the Cape Verd Islands. They say that it would be a fatal step for Spain, and that the Spaniards have too much sense to move far away from their own

coast. Some fear is expressed, however, that the fleet may try to intercept the Oregon and Marietta, but it is also argued that if they do they will have a hard fight, no matter how strong they may be in numbers.

THE NIAGARA MAY BE PURCHASED. VAVAL CONSTRUCTOR TAWRESEY MAKES PAVORABLE REPORT REGARDING HOWARD

> GOULD'S VACHT OTHER CRAFT INSPECTED

Naval Constructor Tawresey reported to his felaw-members of the Rodgers Auxiliary Board yesaunched at Wilmington, Del., for Howard Gould. his home in Philadelphia. The vessel is first-class in she develops the speed promised by her engines

It is expected that the Board will make a favor able report on her, and that if purchased she will

particular except tugs and refrigerating ships. We have examined several vachts, but we do not know But we will continue inspections and reports until

Is Captain Rodgers to leave the Board?

I do not know that he is. So far as I know, he is not to command the Paris, and I do not think he to take any command unless a vacancy occurs, e-wanted a fighting ship, and there is none available. He will go on with the work of the Board, "deductionant-Commander Kelley, who has been ill, judined the Board, "sesterias morning, but remained by a short time at the office. He expects to reme full duty in a few days. The Board yesterlay spected the tug Overbrook, owned by the Pennivanta Railroad Company, and the Baltimore, of e-Baltimore and Ohio Baltroad Company. They ill be bought, probably, if the prices are regarded autisfactory. The tugs No. 9 and No. 10, of the we-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company and the Baltroad Company and the Baltroad Company of the search of the search of the wear of the company of the wear of the search of t

if in 1882.

Was reported yesterday that the Illinois, of International Navigation Company, had been girl for a refrigerating ship. Sie was at Cramps' cl., in Philadelphia, being fitted up for the Kione ent crisis we should make a bold a trade when inspected by the Board. Although the most regular mechanical defence. I am ready to return to Cuba to-morrow to help re pair the mistakes of the past

const-defence patrol, has not yet perfected his plans for the work, and the protection of the mine ils in this harbor is still in the hands of horrowed Loads, those of the Lighthouse Board and said vesterday to a reporter for The Tribune: Roston, which will be put on duty patrolling that mander Field who has charge of this harbor heard that the Morgan liner El Paso had come mines, but said that the fact was that there were not enough vessels properly to carry out th

This notice was made public yesterday REGULATIONS FOR THE NAVIGATION OF THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EN-TRANCES TO NEW-YORK HARBOR IN

WAR, milities having been placed in position with the defences of New-York, the distinct for safe navigation by friendly or the protection of the defences are

the sixteen 10-inch and 12-inch mortars and the three 10-inch disappearing guns. The mortars have been in position for some time, but the battery has only been manned within the last few days.

The officers and crews for each gun get down to work every day and go through a dumb drill lasting for several hours. The men who have charge of the high disappearing guns have their work down fine, and can train these modern rifles on any point in Hampton Reads for a distance of tea miles.

Rumors of the alleged workings of spies around Fort Monroe are almost as numerous at Old Point as here. In Newport News, however, there is much better foundation for the rumors, and every day finds evidence of un-

GENERAL MERRITT IN WASHINGTON. A CONSULTATION WITH WAR DEPARTMENT OFFI-

In response to a telegraphic summons, General Wesley Merritt started for Washington vesterday. He left Governot's Island about 10 a.m. in company with Lieutenants Hale and Mott, of his personal staff. Lieutenant Lewis H. Strother remained in charge of his office. He said General Merritt went to the Capital on official business. and that he expected to return late last night In view of the fact that General Merritt is the ranking officer of the Army, under the command-ing general, it has been said that when any actual command of it unless General Miles took the field himself. Whether the hurried visit of Gen-

field himself. Whether the hurried visit of General Merritt to Washington had anything to do with this could not be ascertained in Army circles yesterda?

Colonel Henry M. Robert, president of the Board of Engineers of the Arms and division engineer of the Southwest, whose office is in the Army Building, started for Galveston yesterday to inspect works now in progress there. He is not expected to return for a fortuight. There were two hundred bids opened yesterday by Major Wells Wallard, in the office of the Commissary of Subsistence, in the Army Building, for general supplies under emergency conditions.

There will be bids opened at noon to-day in the Quartermaster's office for the transportation of guns and ammunition to various seacoast points by rail. The guns in Boston Harbor which are no longer of use there will be removed to other points on the New-England coast as speedily as possible.

Edward L. Cohen, the operator sworn into the

possible the New-England coast as speedily a Edward L. Cohen, the operator sworn into the service of the Government in the Haytian 'able Company's office, has been employed there for many years. If anything is received in regard to which he is in doubt, he turns it over to Lieutenan Maxifeld, the Government censor. The company in accordance with the suggestions of the Government, has dispensed with the services of several Frenchmen and Spaniards in its employ and has replaced them with Americans, who, of course, have to be familiar with foreign. replaced them with Americans, who, of have to be familiar with foreign language

THE CATALINA MAY BE GIVEN UP. Key West, May 2.-The Prize Court of Inquiry sat to-lay to investigate the case of the Catalina. It was said after the sitting that the prize will probably be surrendered.

YALE'S GIFT TO HER NAMESAKE. New-Haven. May 2.—Yale's gift to the cruiser Yale, will be two Vicar-Maxim guns costing upward of \$6,000 to be placed on the cruiser immediately. The Navy Department was notified to-day by the Honorable John Addison Porter, Yale, '75, of the gift decided upon and it was heartly approved. NEW BUOYS TO SHOW THE CHANNEL.

Notice was given by the Lighthouse Board yes terday that two additional buoys, painted white, have been placed at the northern, or inner, end, to extend the safe channel through the Narrows entrance to New-York Harbor, on the following hear-

HE DEFENDS HIS POLICY IN CUBA AND WANTS TO RESUME IT.

WEYLER WOULD GO BACK.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AN ENGLISH NEW

PAPER CORRESPONDENT HE BAYS HE DOESN'T CARE WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF HIM

London, May 3.- "The Daily Telegraph" this

morning publishes an interview with Lieutenant-

Valeriano Weyler, former Governor-General of Cuba. In reply to a suggestion that some people had thought his administration cruel, General Weyler said: "I don't know. I don't trouble to consider. I am a military man, and do not live for myself. but for my country. I was sent to make war upon the rebels, and I did this, and neither more nor less than this. When a rebel was caught with arms in his hands I treated him

fianly assassin who stabled unarmed men of violated women, once his guilt was made clear on with the work of adding to the Auxiliary Navy, I ordered him to be shot. If that be cruelty, certainly I was cruel, and I am prepared to beomo so again. "I never pardoned a single dynamitard or fashioned enough to think myself merciful. I was rigorous, just and resolute. I had a prob-

em to solve by the rules of military science. I have earned the hatred and provoked the curses of the sworn enemies of Spain, but it scheme was the upshot of war, the growth of

abnormal conditions, rather than a deliberate

plan. It was rife in the time of Campos, I did soldiers' rations and to allow our troops to die considered it my duty to wrap up my rifle balls "War is war, and not a piente. In the present crisis we should make a bold dash into the enemy's country. It would do more good than

HALTED A BRITISH STEAMER. THE ONLY INCIDENT TO BREAK THE PEACE OF

A QUIET SUNDAY IN CUIRAN WATERS. (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated P. On Board the Flagship New-York off Havana, May I, via Key West, Fla., May 2. The blockade of Havana continues. The United States fleet at this hour (4 p. m.) is somewhat concentrated, lying about ten miles off Morro Castle. The cruises Montgomery and the tug Osceola have just ar-

rived from Key West. The British steamer Strathdee, Captain Currie, from Progreso to Sagua la Grande, in ballast, was shots had been fired from the flagship. The Strathlowed to proceed, as Sagua la Grande is not blockaded point. Captain Currie said he had been stopped twice before during the night

SPAIN'S AUXILIARY FLEET. ITS STRENGTH OVER-ESTIMATED PROBABLY NO ARMAMENT FOR THE COLUMBIA AND THE NORMANNIA.

London, May 2.-All the information obtainable here concerning the Spanish force of auxit has been over-estimated. The best ships, the Columbia and the Normannia, formerly of th Hamburg-American Line, are yet unarmed, and of auxiliary cruisers consists of the six steamers have been scattered. Two of them are with the Cape Verd squadron, as transports; one is convoying the torpedo flotilla; another, it is said. is at Santiago de Cuba, and two are at Cadiz.

DEWEY MAY BE PROMOTED. LIKELY TO BE REWARDED WITH THE RANK OF REAR ADMIRAL

tion to the rank of rear admiral through the splendid exhibition of pluck, discretion and saflor-like qualities he made in yesterday's engagement. The naval law, however, does not permit promotion except by seniority, so that it probably would be requisite for Congress to pass a special resolution, as was done in the case of Commodore Melville, to give him his

SINGLE SEAFIGHT UNDECISIVE. LONDON "TIMES" THINKS SPANISH HONOR UN-SATISFIED BY AN ENGAGEMENT IN WHICH

London, May 3.—"The Times" says editorially: "Exultation over the American victory is a sentiment with which all friends of the American people in England will readily sympathize. well-informed persons in the United States as to the consequences of the victory. The idea that Spanish honor may be satisfied by the issue of a single naval action, where Spain's best ships were not engaged, will not appear probable to those best acquainted with the Spanish

"Unless an unforeseen convulsion occurs in Spain, it is only too probable that many months will elapse before effective action can be taken in Cuba, the only place where it is likely to be attended with decisive results."

CALLING OUT NAVAL VOLUNTEERS. PLANS FOR MORILIZING THE REMAINING BAT-Washington, May 2 (Special) -- Plans for the

nobilization of the remaining Naval Militia battalions were practically completed to-day by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, and orders will effect. The Massachusetts, New-York, New-Jersey and Pennsylvania battalions have already been provided with duty on the auxiliary cruis ers Yankee, Prairie, Dixie and Yosemite and the monitors reserved for the defence of Boston, New-York and Philadelphia. At the urgent sothe battalion of that State, with the exception of its commanding officer, has been ordered to man the monitor Nantucket, loaned to the State for the last two years, and now destined to guard the naval station at Port Royal. This order is the outgrowth of the semi-mutinous in cident related in these dispatches yesterday, culminating in Commander Morton's orders to haul down the North Carolina State flag which he had raised in defiance of the demand of the United States for the return of the vessel. Lieutenant Moore, of the Navy, will have charge of the Nantucket, and the volunteer battalion, which has been accustomed to the ship, will act under him in actual service.

The Naval Militia organizations of the other States will be mobilized at the navy yards near est them and thoroughly drilled before they are assigned to actual duty. The Rhode Island battalion will be ordered for this purpose to the Newport naval station. The battalions from Illinois and Ohio, which were especially intended to guard the great lakes, will be sent to the New-York Navy Yard to acquire experience in naval matters, and incidentally to police the

vast Government establishment at that point.

The Connecticut Naval Malitia will also in all probability be stationed in New-York, while those of South Carolina and Georgia will assemble at Port Royal.